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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

SB 74 (Goschka)

SB 134 (Cassis)

SB 74 would the Michigan Amber Alert to prohibit a person from intentionally making a false report of the abduction of a child, or intentionally causing a false report of a child abduction to be made, to a peace officer, state or local police agency, 9-1-1 operator, or any other governmental employee or contractor who was authorized to receive the report, knowing the report to be false.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 74 with IE [RC 535: 37 yes, 0 no].

SB 134 would include a false report of a child abduction in the sentencing guidelines. A violation would be a felony punishable by up to four years' imprisonment and/or a maximum fine of \$2,000.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 134 with IE [RC 536: 37 yes, 0 no].

FINAL PASSAGE

SB 654 (Toy)

HB 4729 (Tobocman)

SB 654 would add the felony of "purchase of public residential property by public servant" to the sentencing guidelines. The offense would be a felony against public trust with a statutory maximum sentence of one year's imprisonment.

- *SB 654 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.*
- **SB 654 passed [RC 542: 38 yes, 0 no].**

HB 4729 would allow employees of villages and cities to buy up to four parcels of residential property owned by their employing entity. Reportedly, about 10,000 people a year move out of Detroit. With so many residential properties being offered for sale each year, the city is finding it difficult to sell off the almost 40,000 properties it has acquired through tax foreclosures. Many of these properties were abandoned. Some have structures still standing, albeit in need of significant repair, and others are empty lots – their houses long ago burned down or demolished. Left as is, these properties attract vagrants and criminals, or get used as mini-dumps. In short, they add to neighborhood blight. It is believed that if city employees could bid on these properties at tax lien sales, it would be a win-win situation for the city and the employee. The employee would

be able to purchase land inexpensively (since these properties are in blighted areas, property values are low) in the community where he or she works and either renovate the existing structure or build a new house if the lot is vacant.

- *HB 4729 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.*
- *HB 4729 passed with IE [RC 541: 37 yes, 1 no].*

SB 747 (Gilbert)

HB 5148 (Pavlov)

HB 5149 (Acciavatti)

SB 747 would: 1) Allow the disposal of liquid waste in landfills under certain conditions. 2) Delete a provision that allows the disposal of green glass in landfills until June 1, 2007. 3) Prohibit the disposal of yard clippings in an incinerator, unless they were diseased or infested.

- *Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted.*
- *SB 747 was moved to 3rd Reading.*
- *SB 747 passed [RC 538: 38 yes, 0 no].*

HB 5148 would allow for the establishment of landfill research, development, and demonstration projects. Aside from bioreactor landfills, the bill would encourage the development of other innovative methods of disposing of municipal solid waste. These demonstration projects may ultimately lead to alternative approaches that improve air and water quality.

- *Committee 1 (S-1*) was adopted.*
- *HB 5148 was moved to 3rd Reading.*
- *HB 5148 passed with IE [RC 539: 38 yes, 0 no].*

HB 5149 would allow landfill research, development, and demonstration projects to accept septage waste. Traditional landfills are generally designed to limit the entry of water into the landfill, as a way to minimize the potential for groundwater contamination stemming from the seepage of landfill waste. This process, often known as the “dry tomb” approach, slows the biodegradation process. However, emerging research has shown that the addition of air or liquids, such as septage waste, into the landfill has the potential to accelerate or enhance degradation and lower the post-closure period compared to the traditional dry tomb approach.

- *HB 5149 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.*
- *HB 5149 passed with IE [RC 540: 38 yes, 0 no].*

SB 764 (Allen)

SB 764 would create the "Purple Heart Recognition Act" to require the erection of a monument to honor Michigan citizens who have received the Purple Heart Medal. The monument would have to be located in Veterans Memorial Park in Lansing. The monument and all expenses associated with its erection would have to be paid for by the Michigan Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. The monument would have to conform to the style and design established by the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the United States of America.

- *SB 764 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.*
- *SB 764 passed [RC 537: 37 yes, 0 no].*

THIRD READING

SB 712 (Brown)

SB 712 would allow recreational card playing at nonresidential senior centers. Currently state gambling law does not apply to card playing at senior citizen housing facilities. The bill would extend that exemption to senior centers that are not housing facilities.

- Brown 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- SB 712 was moved to 3rd Reading.

HB 4726 (Mortimer)

HB 4726 would require officials in school districts to distribute information to parents about meningitis. Meningitis is a deadly infection that can often be prevented entirely if youngsters are vaccinated, or treated successfully when it is detected early. In order to overcome this disease, parents need more information about its prevalence, symptoms, and treatments. An effective way to disseminate information about the disease is through the public school system, where school officials already are required by law to inform parents and guardians about other diseases and vaccines.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- HB 4726 was moved to 3rd Reading.